

## Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	<b>Santee Library 1012</b>	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	<b>7,500</b>
<i>Applicant</i>	<b>Santee, City of</b>	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	<b>17,318</b>
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	<b>County of San Diego County Library</b>	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	<b>52,975</b>
<i>Project Type</i>	<b>New Library</b>		
<i>Project Priority</i>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	<b>9/15/2003</b>
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	<b>Joint Venture</b>		
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	<b>NO</b>	<i>Total Project Amount</i>	<b>\$6,506,831</b>
<i>Leased Site:</i>	<b>NO</b>	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	<b>\$4,213,190</b>

### **Bond Act Factors** [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	<b>Rated</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>Needs of urban and rural areas:</i>		<b>[see map]</b>
<i>Population growth:</i>		<b>85%</b>
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		<b>Yes</b>
<i>Age and condition of existing library:</i>	<b>Poor Condition ( = Very Good )</b>	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	<b>Acceptable</b>	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:</i>	<b>Acceptable</b>	
<i>Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:</i>	<b>Very Good</b>	
<b>Overall Rating:</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>

### **Summary of Review Panel Comments**

**Population Growth** 85.0%

**Age and Condition** The existing library was built in 1985 and has not been renovated. This is a leased facility in a strip mall, in year 12 of a 20-year lease. Major deficiencies of the current facility: poor sight lines and inflexible space due to L-shape of interior; inadequate space for all services; no meeting room for programming; inadequate lighting; inadequate technology infrastructure; inadequate ADA compliance.

**Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs** Needs assessment process included input from the residents through a variety of methods, including: a written survey, public workshops, and an open house. Analysis of community characteristics appears to be based on anticipated changes in the community rather than information gained from the analysis of statistical data gathered. Analysis of demographic data led to appropriate conclusions concerning library service needs. The joint use aspects were not a natural outgrowth of a jointly prepared library needs assessment, and K-12 student needs are not assessed specifically.

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The plan of service adequately addresses the needs assessment findings, which indicate the need of updated library services that cannot be provided in the current facility. The services outlined in the plan of service for students mention a homework center, which will primarily be a part of an open area that can be used by any library user. The plan of service mentions that it will contain "student-specific materials such as dictionaries and thesauruses." There are 8,000 elementary school students in the service area, and only 2 non-networked PC's for word processing will be available in the homework center.

The building program implements the plan of service, providing spaces for the services indicated in the plan. Spatial relationships and individual spaces are well described.

Conceptual plans implement the building program requirements, providing the programmed square footage for virtually all spaces. All square footages -- area, total gross, total non-assignable -- are clearly detailed and the percentage of non-assignable square footage was maintained. Not all space adjacencies specified in the building program were achieved in the building program (e.g., non-fiction collection is not adjacent to the reference desk; young adult area is not adjacent to the Homework Center; young adult study room is not adjacent to the reference desk; etc.).

Joint use agreement: Homework Center: The agreement is between the applicant, the operating library, and two school districts. The agreement does not represent a partnership between the two parties. The school district will provide only assistance in recruiting volunteers to assist with the joint venture services. The sole responsibility for staffing and operation of the joint use services lies with the city.

**Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology** Technology is adequately addressed for the present, but the application doesn't demonstrate consideration of future needs. Frequent reference is made to following operating library guidelines, but those guidelines and plans are not included. One reviewer noted that the number of computers appears to be inadequate -- 17 for entire library and only 2 for the Homework Center.

**Appropriateness of Proposed Site** The library will be part of a revitalization plan between the city and a private developer to develop the city's downtown core. It is located adjacent to the two major thoroughfares. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot, and is close to public schools. Other development for the area includes a community park, community center, single- and multi-family residential areas, two commercial cores, and a civic center. The building expansion plan is to add a second story, making the site size more than adequate. A shared use agreement for parking is mentioned but will not be finalized until October '02, when occupancy by the first of the commercial tenants of Trolley Square will occur. No terms of the agreement are specified, and adequacy of parking is dependent on the nature of the shared parking agreement. Seven potential sites were considered before choosing the current site.

**Financial Capacity** The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.